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FYI, the exact timing of the announcement is still being determined. FDA listserv and Q's and A's attached.

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Hello, here's FDA's listerv and Q's and A's.

The listserv has rec'd final FDA/legal approval. Let me know if we have any critical show-stoppers. It looks good to me, but you are the experts. Obviously, we'll want to use the same listserv as FDA. Let me know if we have any critical issues w/their Q's and A's as well.

Where are the EPA Q's and A's in the review chain? Will those be coming to me today? FDA would like to see those.

Thanks for all your work and expertise!

Linda

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Subject: RE: GE Mosquito Final Guidance Announcement HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Hi EPA,

Attached are our CVM Update and Responsive QAs for the GE mosquito final guidance for your awareness. They have received legal clearance from our Office of the Chief Counsel. The responsive QAs in red are new additions to our list of questions since we shared with you in January for the draft guidance, but many of the questions you saw in January now have modified responses to reflect current circumstances.

The exact timing of the announcement is still being determined and we will keep you posted. When you have developed your listserv and QAs, could you please share with us for awareness?

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Anne

From: Norris, Anne

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:13 PM

To: 'Strauss, Linda'; 'StClair, Christie'; 'Valentine, Julia'; 'Daguillard, Robert'; Putnam, Juli

Cc: Nalubola, Ritu; Flamm, Eric; Epstein, Laura; 'Mcnally.Robert@epa.gov'; 'Milewski, Elizabeth'; 'Mendelsohn, Mike'

Subject: RE: GE Mosquito Final Guidance Announcement HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Good afternoon,

We just received confirmation that this announcement will not be happening until early next week. We're awaiting precise timing, but wanted to let you know that the guidance is not going out tomorrow as originally anticipated.

Will be in touch when we know more, but hope to have the CVM Update to you very soon and the responsive QAs should follow shortly after that.

Thanks,

Anne

From: Norris, Anne

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 5:46 PM

To: 'Strauss, Linda'; 'StClair, Christie'; 'Valentine, Julia'; 'Daguillard, Robert'; Putnam, Juli

Cc: Nalubola, Ritu; Flamm, Eric; Epstein, Laura; 'Mcnally.Robert@epa.gov'; 'Milewski, Elizabeth'; 'Mendelsohn, Mike'

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To recap status for everyone: Linda will be in the office Thursday and Friday and she's steering the ship for EPA communications. The EPA team is working on responses to anticipated questions from press and stakeholders. FDA will share our comms tomorrow as soon as we are able.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thanks,

Anne

From: Norris, Anne

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 5:02 PM

To: 'Strauss, Linda'; 'StClair, Christie'; 'Valentine, Julia'; 'Daguillard, Robert'; Putnam, Juli

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Looping in Bob, Elizabeth, and Mike now because I tried calling all four of the EPA communications contacts we have on this issue and can't reach anyone. Normally, I'd wait until the morning and try again, but given the time constraints, we just need to ensure that someone from EPA communications is handling this. Linda's voicemail said she's out of the office on Thursday and Friday, so hoping that if she's already signed off and taking leave, that you may be able to suggest who else we can contact.

Thanks,

Anne

From: Norris, Anne
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 4:42 PM
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Subject: GE Mosquito Final Guidance Announcement HAPPENING THIS WEEK
Importance: High

Hi Linda,

We just learned that this final guidance is on an EXTREMELY fast trajectory and we're almost certainly going to be announcing by this Friday (9/29). Unfortunately, our communications documents are still in clearance and it would be premature to send them to you in case edits still need to be made. At this point, we should be able to share tomorrow, but it's unclear at what time.

We will share our CVM Update and Responsive QAs at the earliest point possible; however, if you wait until after you view our comms to start developing your QAs or talking points, you won't be allowing yourselves adequate time. Additionally, our responsive QAs are primarily geared toward addressing the questions that the FDA anticipates getting, which won't be very helpful for EPA's needs when it comes to questions that will be directed to EPA from media and stakeholders. Of particular sensitivity right now is the issue of mosquitoes and hurricane relief.

Given the short timeframe, we would strongly suggest that you and your team consult with the EPA policy team working on this issue to get their thoughts on what issues/questions they expect to arise and how they would advise you to handle them. My understanding is that those people are Bob McNally, Elizabeth Milewski, and Mike Mendelsohn.

As Juli had previously mentioned, some examples of the types of questions you might get could be things like:

- What further regulation will the sponsor have to go through to conduct field trials in jurisdictions within the US or to get a commercial approval for the mosquitoes? Will EPA rely on the data the sponsor already provided to the FDA? How long will the process take?
- Do you have any applications/permits/whatever the correct terminology is from Oxitec in house that you are currently reviewing?
- Does the EPA have comment on FDA's guidance? Will this delay the approval/permitting of Oxitec's GE mosquitoes to Hurricane-stricken areas?

Please keep in touch with questions and concerns – feel free to call me anytime at 240-402-0132. We'll reach out tomorrow about the status of our communications and to set up a call with you, if needed.

Thanks,
Anne

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